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2006/1
UNDP multi-year funding framework

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report on timeline for the preparation of the UNDP end-of-cycle assessment of performance, 2004-2007, (DP/2006/3);

2. *Invites* the Administrator to submit the envisaged paper on the emerging strategic vision, programme directions and organizational strategy, for discussion during its annual session in June 2006;

3. *Requests* the Administrator to submit an annotated outline of the new multi-year funding framework (MYFF), 2008-2011, to the Executive Board at its first regular session in January 2007, and a draft version of the MYFF, 2008-2011, to the Board at its annual session in June 2007.

27 January 2006

2006/2
Report of the UNDP assessment mission to Myanmar

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the note of the Administrator on assistance to Myanmar (DP/2006/4) and of the report submitted by the independent assessment mission to Myanmar, in particular the key challenges and recommendations mentioned therein;

2. *Notes* that the Human Development Initiative is highly relevant to improving the situation of the rural poor in Myanmar, and *requests* the Administrator to take account of and implement the findings of the independent assessment mission, as appropriate;

3. *Recommends* that UNDP continue to administer the United Nations HIV/AIDS Fund and to engage the international community in supporting the fight against HIV/AIDS in Myanmar.

27 January 2006

2006/3
Evaluation of gender mainstreaming and the gender action plan (UNDP)

The Executive Board,

Having considered the evaluation of gender mainstreaming in UNDP (DP/2006/5) and the management response to the evaluation of gender mainstreaming at UNDP (DP/2006/7),

Having reviewed the progress report on the implementation of the 2005 gender action plan (DP/2006/8) and the gender action plan, 2006-2007 (DP/2006/9),

Recalling the definition of gender mainstreaming (ECOSOC/1997/2) as "a strategy for making women's as well as men's concerns and experiences an integral dimension of the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all policies and programmes in all political, economic and societal spheres so that women and men benefit equally and inequality is not perpetuated" and noted that "the ultimate goal (of such a strategy) is to achieve gender equality",

Taking note with appreciation of the steps taken in 2005 to proactively promote a clear-cut, results-oriented gender mainstreaming strategy for UNDP at all levels,

1. *Welcomes* the contribution made by all the above decisions and actions to preparing UNDP for success in achieving and reporting on gender equality results in its programmes and strategies;

2. *Stresses* the importance of empowerment of women for gender equality and requests the UNDP to take this issue into account while devising and implementing gender equality strategies;

3. *Requests* that the annual report of the Administrator and the annual report on the multi-year funding framework (MYFF) include reporting on progress in achieving gender equality results, particularly at the outcome and impact levels, as an integral element;

4. *Endorses* the gender action plan, 2006-2007, and *requests* the Administrator to make sure that the gender action plan is translated by the regional and thematic bureaux into multi-year gender action plans for their respective regions or thematic areas;

5. *Commends* the UNDP policy on gender balance and diversity and *requests* the Administrator to set benchmarks towards reaching a 50/50 gender balance in senior management by 2010;

6. *Also commends* UNDP for allocating $10 million, including two additional core posts, to support the implementation of the gender action plan, 2006-2007;

7. *Requests* that UNDP urgently address the competency deficit by increasing the number of senior gender equality experts both at headquarters and in regional and key country offices and by developing appropriate competency profiles for all staff within the announced budget;

8. *Requests* UNDP to configure the Atlas system to track both allocations and expenditures for gender equality results and to develop clear reporting guidelines on the 'gender driver' in the MYFF by December 2006;

9. *Stresses* that allocation of resources by UNDP for gender mainstreaming as a driver of development effectiveness is, like the other drivers, part of the core business of UNDP; and in this regard *requests* the Administrator to report on the overall status of core resources at the second regular session 2006;

10. *Welcomes* the decision by the Administrator to establish and chair a gender steering and implementation committee to review results in gender mainstreaming and the achievement of gender equality results, and *requests* the Administrator to take additional steps to create enabling incentive and accountability systems for staff at all operational levels as well as to maintain senior management commitment to ensuring that UNDP makes every possible effort to maximize its achievement of gender equality results;

11. *Urges* the Administrator to identify further measures, including evaluating the position and mandate of the gender unit in BDP, to increase the profile of the UNDP gender policy and the attention given to its implementation;

12. *Requests* the Administrator, as Chair of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG), to advocate for and support the strengthening of United Nations Country Team capacity for the achievement of gender equality results within United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks;

13. *Requests* UNDP to speed up implementation of the relevant elements of General Assembly resolution 59/250 on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review, especially those focusing on gender equality and gender mainstreaming, and to make use, wherever possible, of gender disaggregated data and quantitative and qualitative information;

14. *Requests* the Administrator, both as Administrator of UNDP and as Chair of UNDG, to ensure that the greatest possible attention is given to the achievement of gender equality results in the process of reforming and strengthening the United Nations;

15. *Requests* the Administrator to report on progress in implementing this decision, the management response and the gender action plan at the first regular session in January 2007 and, in particular, on progress in implementing the commitments in the management response (paragraphs 48 to 51) concerning the clarification of the respective roles and responsibilities of UNDP and UNIFEM.

27 January 2006

2006/4
UNCDF budgeting and programming decision-making processes

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report on UNCDF budgeting and programming decision-making processes (DP/2006/10);

2. *Welcomes* the appointment of the new Executive Secretary;

3. *Notes* the progress that UNCDF has made so far in implementing the business plan;

4. *Encourages* UNCDF to continue its strategic review of the business plan and complete its detailed investment plan for the 2006-2007 period;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Executive Board at its annual session in June 2006 on the status of the strategic review and implementation of the business plan, including, in particular, the business development strategy; the managing-for-results strategy; the organizational structure, staffing arrangements and budgetary arrangements set forth therein;

6. *Requests* the Administrator and the Executive Secretary to work closely to finalize a memorandum of understanding between the two organizations setting forth the key elements of their strategic, operational and financial partnership, and report their arrangements to the Board at its annual session in June 2006;

7. *Reiterates* its call upon UNDP to assist UNCDF in mobilizing the resources necessary to sustain its current local development and microfinance activities;

8. *Also reiterates* its call upon donor countries and other countries in a position to do so to provide and sustain additional funding support for UNCDF programmes and activities in the least developed countries.

27 January 2006

2006/5
Organizational assessment of UNIFEM

The Executive Board

1. *Recalls* ECOSOC resolution 2005/54 of 27 July 2005, General Assembly resolutions 59/250 of 22 December 2004, and 60/137 of 16 December 2005;

2. *Takes note of* the report commissioned by the UNIFEM Consultative Committee (A/60/62-E/2005/10), 'Organizational assessment: UNIFEM past, present and future';

3. *Appreciates* the efforts of the UNIFEM Consultative Committee to stimulate debate on the challenges involved in mainstreaming gender equality in the context of United Nations reform;

4. *Welcomes* the efforts of UNIFEM to strengthen coordination and technical support on gender equality to United Nations country teams through the United Nations Development Group in line with the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review and in this regard *also welcomes* the contributions that the Fund has made in supporting initiatives of Member States, United Nations organizations and non-governmental organizations to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women;

5. *Encourages* Member States in a position to do so to increase their contributions to UNIFEM, in particular to core resources, in order to enable it to reach its goals and targets under the multi-year funding framework;

6. *Request* the Administrator to report to the Executive Board his views on the 'Organizational assessment: UNIFEM past, present and future', taking into account ongoing discussion on United Nations reform and the overall gender architecture, at the annual session in June 2006;

7. *Also requests* the Administrator to take steps to ensure that UNIFEM gains access to relevant United Nations forums in order to better achieve its contribution to United Nations objectives in gender equality and women's empowerment in accordance with its mandate, and to report on the progress to the Executive Board at its second regular session 2006;

8. *Further requests* the Administrator to strengthen the collaboration at the programme level between UNDP and UNIFEM, so that UNIFEM can continue to discharge its entire mandate, including its innovative and catalytic role, to bring a gender equality perspective to coordination mechanisms such as United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks and national poverty reduction strategies.

27 January 2006

2006/6
Activities of UNOPS

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the progress report of the Executive Director, a.i., on the activities of UNOPS (DP/2006/11);

2. *Welcomes* the progress made and action taken by UNOPS in execution of decision 2005/36 of 9 September 2005, and *also welcomes* the transparent approach of UNOPS to making management decisions;

3. *Further welcomes* the determination of UNOPS to improve its accuracy in costing, as well as its drive to enhance business efficiency.

27 January 2006

2006/7
Working methods of the Executive Board

The Executive Board,

Recalling decision 2005/32 on the working methods of the Executive Board,

Recalling also its rules of procedure and *underlining* the importance of their observance,

1. *Decides* to continue discussion and consultations on the working methods of the Executive Board as an ongoing process of improving and streamlining the work of the Executive Board and *requests* UNDP and UNFPA, in consultation with Member States, to present suggestions at the annual session 2006 on further enhancing the working methods, including on the early election of the Bureau at the last meeting of the second regular session in September.

27 January 2006

2006/8
Follow-up reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the biennium 2002-2003 (UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS)

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the progress made by UNDP and UNOPS in implementing the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the biennium ended 31 December 2003, as contained in document DP/2006/13, and of the specific efforts made by management to improve transparency and to promote managerial accountability and ownership in dealing with audit recommendations;

2. *Also takes note of* the further actions taken or planned by UNFPA in implementing the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium 2002-2003, as contained in the annex to document DP/FPA/2006/1;

3. *Requests* the management of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to build on progress achieved and to continue to implement the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and strengthen management and control systems, including risk-management systems, that conform to best practices in monitoring compliance with the respective codes of ethics and professional conduct of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS;

4. *Also requests* the management of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, in light of the current scrutiny of all United Nations voluntary funds and programmes, to intensify fraud-prevention and anti-corruption measures and to communicate to all staff members and partner organizations, a zero-tolerance attitude with regard to the mismanagement of

funds, and to further strengthen systems for reporting and investigating possible fraud or misuse of funds.

27 January 2006

2006/9
Cost-efficient approaches to providing programme-level data

The Executive Board

1. *Having considered* the conference room paper on cost-efficient approaches to providing programme-level data (DP/2006/CRP.2 and DP/FPA/2006/CRP.1);

2. *Acknowledges* that systems are in place within UNDP and UNFPA to capture programme data, including data on activities, costs and results;

3. *Notes* that both UNDP and UNFPA make extensive use of self-assessed programme-level reports in their aggregate and corporate strategic reporting;

4. *Also takes note* of current efforts by UNDP and UNFPA to harmonize programming, financial and administrative processes;

5. *Notes* that within UNDP, the quality of the various systems for data collection at programme and country office level is routinely monitored as part of the comprehensive management audit and oversight provided by the regional bureaux;

6. *Notes with appreciation* that within UNFPA, consideration is being given to expanding the scope of the audit in order to assure the quality of programme-related data;

7. *Also notes with appreciation* that within UNDP and UNFPA, consideration is being given to increasing the relevance of reports in regard to performance assessment by proposing outcome indicators that are more closely attributable to the organization, not withstanding the importance of data on impact;

8. *Encourages* the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNFPA to pursue their efforts to improve the results-based management systems of their respective organizations and to interact proactively with the Executive Board in this regard;

9. *Requests* the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNFPA to ensure that country and regional programme results and performance data consolidated over the programme duration are made available at the end of the country and regional programme cycles, respectively.

27 January 2006

2006/10
Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its first regular session 2006

The Executive Board

Recalls that during the first regular session 2006, it:

Item 1

Elected the following members of the Bureau for 2006:

President:	H.E. Mr. Valeriy Kuchinsky (Ukraine)
Vice-President:	Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan)
Vice-President:	H.E. Mr. Crispin Grey-Johnson (Gambia)
Vice-President:	H.E. Ms. Adiyatwidi Adiwoso Asmady (Indonesia)
Vice-President:	Mr. George W. Talbot (Guyana)

Approved the agenda and work plan for its first regular session 2006 (DP/2006/L.1);
Approved the report of the second regular session 2005 (DP/2006/1);
Approved the annual work plan 2006 (DP/2006/CRP.1);
Approved the tentative work plan for the annual session 2006;

Agreed to the following schedule of forthcoming sessions of the Executive Board in 2006:

Annual session 2006:	12-23 June 2006
Second regular session 2006:	11-15 September 2006

UNDP segment

Item 2
UNDP multi-year funding framework
Adopted decision 2006/1 of 27 January 2006 on the UNDP multi-year funding framework;

Item 3
Country programmes and related matters

Adopted decision 2006/2 of 27 January 2006 on the report of the UNDP assessment mission to Myanmar;

Approved the following regional programme documents:

Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, 2006-2010;
Arab States, 2006-2009;

Approved the following country programme documents:

Africa: Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, Ghana, Namibia, Swaziland and Uganda;
Arab States: Libyan Arab Jamahiriya;
Asia and the Pacific: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Indonesia and Viet Nam;
Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States: Albania, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Turkey and Ukraine;
Latin America and the Caribbean: Guyana, Peru and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Items 4 and 5
Evaluation and gender in UNDP

Adopted decision 2006/3 of 27 January 2006 on the evaluation of gender mainstreaming and the gender action plan;

Item 6
United Nations Capital Development Fund

Adopted decision 2006/4 of 27 January 2006 on the UNCDF budgeting and programming decision-making processes;

Item 7
United Nations Development Fund for Women

Adopted decision 2006/5 of 27 January 2006 on the organizational assessment of UNIFEM;

Item 8
United Nations Office for Project Services

Adopted decision 2006/6 of 27 January 2006 on the activities of UNOPS;

Joint UNDP/UNFPA segment

Item 1
Organizational matters

Adopted decision 2006/7 of 27 January 2006 on the working methods of the Executive Board;

Item 9
Recommendations of the Board of Auditors

Adopted decision 2006/8 of 27 January 2006 on the follow-up reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the biennium 2002-2003 (UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS);

Item 10
Reports to the Economic and Social Council

Took note of the joint report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to the Economic and Social Council (E/2006/5);

Item 11
Programming process

Adopted decision 2006/9 of 27 January 2006 on cost-efficient approaches to providing programme-level data;

UNFPA segment

Item 12
Country programmes and related matters

Approved the following country programme documents:

Africa: Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chad, Ghana, Namibia, Swaziland and Uganda;
Asia and the Pacific: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Indonesia and Viet Nam;
Arab States and Europe: Albania, Georgia, Occupied Palestinian Territory, Turkey and Ukraine;
Latin America and the Caribbean: Peru.

Item 13

Other matters

Held the following informal briefings and consultations:

Informal briefing on contributing to the Millennium Development Goals through research and development in sexual and reproductive health: the role of the human reproduction programme (UNDP/UNFPA/WHO/World Bank);

Presentation on the United Nations Development Assistance Framework process in Madagascar;
UNDP gender event;

Presentation on post-conflict peacebuilding: role of UNDP and UNFPA in Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Joint meeting

Held a joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP on 20 and 23 January 2006, which addressed the following topics: (a) capacity-building and capacity development; (b) transition from relief to development, focusing on natural disasters; (c) HIV/AIDS: follow-up to the recommendations of the Global Task Team; and (d) simplification and harmonization, with a special focus on the programming process.

TENTATIVE WORK PLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP/UNFPA
ANNUAL SESSION 2006
(12 to 23 June 2006, Geneva)

Day/date	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
Monday, 12 June	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of agenda and work plan for the session • Adoption of the report on the first regular session 2006 **UNFPA SEGMENT** STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 2 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR • Report of the Executive Director for 2005 • Statistical overview • Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.		UNFPA SPECIAL EVENT – Theme: Population and poverty eradication
Tuesday, 13 June	10:00 to 1:00 p.m.	2	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (cont'd)
		3	FUNDING COMMITMENTS TO UNFPA • Report on funding commitments to UNFPA
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.	4	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Draft country programme documents • Note on assistance to Myanmar
Wednesday, 14 June	10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m	5	EVALUATION • Periodic report on evaluation
	12 - 1 p.m.		Informal consultations
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.		**JOINT UNDP/UNFPA SEGMENT**
		17	PROGRAMMING PROCESS • UNDP/UNFPA report on implementation of joint programming and on UNDG joint programming guidelines • UNDP/UNFPA report elaborated jointly with UNICEF on possible options to improve and streamline the current harmonized country programme approval procedure
Thursday, 15 June	10:00 to 12:00 p.m.		**JOINT UNDP/UNFPA SEGMENT (cont'd)**
		16	INTERNAL AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT • Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on internal audit and oversight, including the management response
		18	FIELD VISITS • Reports on field visits
	12 - 1 p.m.		Informal consultations
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.		UNDP/UNFPA joint informal briefing on humanitarian response
Friday, 16 June	10 to 11:30 a.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Working methods of the Board
	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.		Informal consultations

	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.	20	OTHER MATTERS • Adoption of pending decisions (UNFPA and joint UNDP/UNFPA items) • Adoption of the tentative work plan for the second regular session 2006 for the UNFPA and the joint UNDP/UNFPA segment • Closing of the UNFPA segment
Monday, 19 June	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.		**UNDP SEGMENT** STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
		6	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR • Multi-year funding framework report on UNDP performance and results 2005 • Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit • Statistical annex
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.	6	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR (cont'd)
		7	FUNDING COMMITMENTS TO UNDP • Status of regular funding commitments to UNDP
		19	MULTI-YEAR FUNDING FRAMEWORK, 2008-2011 • Report on the emerging strategic vision, programe directions and organizational strategy
Tuesday, 20 June	10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.	13	UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS • United Nations Volunteers – Report of the Administrator
	3 to 4 p.m.		Informal consultations
	4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	11	UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES • Annual report of the Executive Director
		8	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT
Wednesday, 21 June	10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.	14	UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN • Annual report of the Executive Director
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.	12	UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND • Report on the Memorandum of Understanding arrangements between UNDP and UNCDF
		10	SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION • Progress report in implementing the third cooperation framework for South-South cooperation
Thursday, 22 June	10:00 to 11 a.m.		Informal consultations
	11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.	15	EVALUATION • HIV/AIDS evaluation in Southern Africa and Ethiopia • Management response
		9	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Draft regional/country programme documents • Extensions of country programmes
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.	9	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS (cont'd)
Friday, 23 June	10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.	20	OTHER MATTERS • Adoption of pending decisions
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the tentative work plan for the second regular session 2006 for the UNDP segment